

# Blue Goose Alliance Bulletin

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## **Terrorist Attacks Affected Us All**

Like everyone else, we were shocked, saddened, and angered by the acts of terror on September 11, 2001. Each of us shares, in one way or another, the loss of those who perished. We are keenly aware that Rich Guadagno, Refuge Manager, Humboldt Bay NWR, was a passenger aboard United Flight 93 which was hijacked and crashed in Pennsylvania. Those who knew Rich personally are convinced that he played a major role in preventing the airplane from reaching the terrorists' intended target.

Quite naturally, unfolding events have captured our attention. It is difficult to maintain focus on our primary objective in light of the war on terrorism and the continuing threats here at home. However, the commitment we share to the Refuge System is not diminished. Our mission is as valid today as it was on September 10th. Our success will help ensure a stable, vibrant, and effective National Wildlife Refuge System for the next 100 years. America deserves nothing less.

## **Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 18-19**

The second annual meeting of the Blue Goose Alliance will be held on November 18-19, 2001, in Jacksonville, Florida. This will be an important meeting because it allows us to discuss strategy face to face and to review the accomplishments of the past year. A report of this meeting will be published in a Bulletin as soon as is practicable following the meeting.